

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An imaging apparatus for recording taken images on an internal recording medium, said imaging apparatus comprising:

a first detecting unit which detects the remaining available recording space of said internal recording medium;

a second detecting unit which detects external recording devices communicably connected through a network in the event that the remaining available recording space of said internal recording medium reaches a predetermined value; and

a control unit which automatically performs switching of the recording medium for recording said taken images from said internal recording medium to a recording medium included in said external recording device detected by said second detecting unit.

2. An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second detecting unit detects said external recording devices using the UPnP (Universal Plug and Play).

3. An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said imaging apparatus comprises a digital video camera.

4. An imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said imaging apparatus comprises a digital video camera; and wherein said second detecting unit detects said external recording devices using the UPnP (Universal Plug and Play).